WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Petitions Against Air India Management

1900. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 419 writ petitions are pending in several courts in India filed by Air India employees against the Air India Management;

(b) if so, whether it conveys collapse of administrative machinery, high-handedness, lack of transparency in the decision making process and arbitrary use of power and authority by Air India officials; and

(c) the measures taken by the Air India Management to curb abusive use of power and authority by high officials, to ensure that employees discontent and grievance is redressed and misuse of power with malafide intentions curbed and to ensure employee satisfaction and improved productivity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There are 95 Writ Petitions pending in the various High Courts filed by Air India employees against the Air India Management. Most of the Writ Petitions relate to non-promotion (supersession)/dismissal/ removal. The dismissal/removal are due to employees committing misconduct of smuggling, theft, habitual long absenteeism, misappropriation, fraud etc.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Entry of Private Airlines in International Sector

1901. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI ANAND SHARMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether private airlines were allowed to expand their international